

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	3 D-20-148175
Meeting Date	9 December 2020		
Meeting Time	10:00am - 11:00am		
Meeting Location	Function Room City of Greater Geraldton		
Attendees	Cr Colliver NC (Deputy Chair) Fiona Norling FN - CGG Jesse Steele JSt - CGG Simone Mahoney SM - CGG Michelle Plume MP – CGG Colleen Ethell CE - Hope Talya Quinn TQ – PCYC Renai Gildersleeve RG – CPDD WAPOL Jason Scragg JSc – WAPOL Beth Martin BM - Desert Blue Connect Samantha Harrington SH– Dept Justic Shauni Norman SN (Minutes)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Shane Love SL – Member for Moore Joanne Fabling JF - MWCCI Robyne Condon RC – CADS Chris Kerr CK– Hope Community Services Mark Adams MA - CGG Rangers Cr Keemink SK Cr Fiorenza PF Ian Blayney IB – Member for Geraldton Merle Meyer MM – Dept. of Justice Simon Phillips SP – MHCDS Cr Hall BH (Chair) Chris Martin CM – Mullewa POL Michelle Melville-Main MMM - YJS Erin Middleton EM – Rep. for Member for Gton Andrew Greaves AG – MEEDAC Terry Brennan TB – Gton Streetwork
		Distribution	As listed

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Deputy Chair welcomed the members and apologies were noted from the list above.

NOTED: The meeting did not meet the quorum requirements so all discussions will only be noted.

2. Previous Minutes

NOTED: That the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee held on the 09 September 2020 as previously circulated, are a true and correct record of proceedings.

3. Youth Crime Prevention Officer Report – SM

See attached report for full details.

Highlights from report.

The City has been working with PCYC, MEEDAC, GSAC and La Fiamma Soccer Club to run Late Night Sports on Friday evenings this term.

The City has partnered with Regional Development Australia and a number of other shires to release a new Funding & Grants Hub for all community groups to access grants available – rdawa.grantguru.com.au.

The City is partnering with WA Police, Bunnings and Elite Electrical to develop the Vulnerable Victims program; to install donated security equipment such as sensor lights in the homes of elderly people who have experienced home break ins.

4. Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan working group – FN

The review is still progressing with the evaluation of the current plan and working through the documents with the internal working group.

Objectives have been taken from the old plan and the key actions and information from the Youth Crime Prevention Officer reports will be included in the action plan. Once the collated information has been gathered it will be made available to the Committee for feedback.

5. Community Policing update – RG

The Cyber Safety program is still being presented through the Schools for years 5 and 6.

WA Police partnered with the Police Rangers and McDonald's for their McHappy day holding a stall and handing out information on securing personal valuables.

Attended the Seniors Group Social Club Event to promote neighbourhood watch and how to start a program in each suburb.

Financial Year statistic on crime show that figures are down by 62%, stealing and theft are down by 50%.

Two areas on the way up are graffiti and damages in relation to rock throwing and gings. New plans are being put in place to assist in those areas with education and door knocking those known offenders.

Suggestions to park Police and Ranger vehicles (that are not being used) in high visibility areas so it's known for the presence in the area to act as a deterrent to likely criminal activity.

6. Community Safety in Mullewa

MP noted a spike in attempted break-ins with the Youth Centre and CRT being targeted. WA Police noted the offenders were dealt with on that occasion.

Demolition of three (3) derelict houses has been completed removing those hazards and hideout areas to reduce antisocial behaviour.

The School holiday programming is in place for the Youth Centre and changes to the opening hours during the Christmas close down.

7. General Business

PCYC normally close for the two (2) weeks during the Christmas break, but have had a request to be open for the high priority youth who normal offend during school holiday's, these youth will only be accepted by referrals.

Suggestion for engaging those kids who are not attending school can be captured through the PCYC programs for the education on Rock Throwing and Cyber Safety from WA Police.

8. Dates of next meetings in 2021:

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The next meeting will be held on Thursday 00 March 2020

N.B. Meetings commence at 1:00pm City of Greater Geraldton Offices as advised.

9. Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:48am



Youth Crime Prevention Officer Report

December 2020

Strategy 1: Breaking cycles and building futures through social development

- The City has been working with PCYC, MEEDAC, GSAC and La Fiamma SC to run Late Night Sports on Friday evenings this term. This has responded to anti-social behaviour by young people in and around the Wonthella sporting precinct. The young people have dinner, play soccer, touch rugby and gaelic football and then are transported home by bus at 10pm.
- The Queens Park theatre has been turned orange for the 16 Days in WA campaign to end violence against women, and a purple bench has been erected out the front of the civic centre to honour the victims of domestic homicide in WA. Other events included the Walk and Paddle out Against Violence held on 20 November.
- The Youth Development team have been running both the Geraldton Youth Intensive Support Service (at Lester House) and the Mullewa Youth Centre on reduced hours due to low staffing levels.
- GRAMS is still hosting a monthly youth sector meeting to encourage collaboration for more effectiveness across the sector
- The City has partnered with Regional Development Australia and a number of other shires to release a new Funding & Grants Hub for all community groups to access grants available – rdawa.grantguru.com.au. This is in place of Brooke's monthly email, as each individual can tailor email alerts of relevant grants to their organisation.
- The City has applied for the latest round of the Criminal Property Confiscation Grants to continue running the youth programs that currently occur and also run a series of 8 camps in various locations across the Midwest (~80k) – still pending
- The City has also applied for the WA Police Crime Prevention Grant to run youth programs in designated hot spots for anti-social behaviour as recognised by various youth agencies (~25k) – still pending.
- The City has been collaborating with state government departments and other non-profit agencies to provide supports to young people in the justice system at monthly case conference meetings

Strategy 2: Designing out crime

- CCTV update: The Activewest Basketball stadium has installed four cameras after a spate of car breaks, graffiti incidents and ginging in the sporting precinct. City staff have evaluated the area, however as those blocks of land along Eighth Street are private land, it is not possible to deploy covert cameras or install fixed CCTV in the future.
 - The design for the Railway Street Safe Active Street project is nearing completion. Construction tenders will be requested in the New Year. Railway Street will become a shared zone providing a safe connection for active transport users. The streetscape will be narrowed and landscaped to provide a low-speed environment. Raised plateaus at road intersections will further slow traffic.
 - The GRAMS Reserve upgrade update - Last week, four workshops were held with Champion Bay SHS students for the development of concepts for the public art component. This work is now being used to inform designs for the art pieces.
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Strategy 3: Reduce the fear of crime

- The City is partnering with WA Police, Bunnings and Elite Electrical to develop the Vulnerable Victims program; to install donated security equipment such as sensor lights in the homes of elderly people who have experienced home break ins.
- There has recently been a number of young people charged with graffiti offences thanks to CCTV capturing clear images. The City are working with Youth Justice to potentially divert these young people into positive programs over the summer.
- The A to Z of WA Tourism campaign to promote WA visitors to Geraldton and the Abrolhos Islands has seen a constant stream of visitors to our community.

Strategy 4: Reducing the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs

- As a party to the Community Wellness Plan the City has agreed to promote Alcohol and Drug Free events for youth and will continue to promote health messages online and on social media.

Strategy 5: Anti-Social Behaviour

- Successful alcohol free community events September-December: Suicide Prevention Day, Sunrise and Sunset Yoga, Skate Today Workshops, School Holiday activities, GMBC Bike Rally, Live & Local @ Rocks Laneway, Wellness Wednesdays @ Rocks Laneway, Relay for Life, Mums Mental Health & Wellbeing Expo, HMAS Sydney 11 79th Commemoration, Walk and Paddle out Against Violence, Garage Sale Trail, Red Fred Book Launch, Survivors & Carers Morning Tea, International Day of People with Disability event
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